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The Honorable Phil Gordon Mayor, City of Phoenix 200 West Washington Phoenix, AZ 85003

Re: Security and Safety Issues Involving the Jet Fuel Pipeline Docket No. G-00000A-06-0022

Dear Mayor Gordon:

The recently foiled terrorist plot at JFK International Airport should serve as a wake-up call for the City of Phoenix to finally address the pressing safety and security concerns of the jet fuel line. As the news unfolded Sunday, our conversations on *The Summit at Copper Square* development were replaying in my head. As you might imagine, this brazen plan to ignite explosives on various jet fuel arteries could have caused untold casualties and economic pandemonium.

Allowing the construction of high-rise condominiums, restaurants, nightclubs and other entertainment venues close to a highly explosive jet fuel line **without reasonable buffer zones** compromises public safety. I have underscored this concern to the City on many occasions in writing and at meetings.

I appreciate your best efforts to hold stakeholder meetings to examine alternatives for relocating the jet fuel line. However, I believe the City should take a broader view of the problem by ensuring the safety and security of the entire jet fuel line, which travels from the Tank Farm at 53<sup>rd</sup> Avenue and West Van Buren to Sky Harbor International Airport.

At some point, we must face the realization that relocating critical backbone infrastructure in an urban setting becomes increasingly difficult and eventually impossible. Reasonable buffer zones are essential in mitigating risk and ensuring public safety. The City should undertake this challenge

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with thoughtful zoning and planning, mindful of the need to protect people, property and this critical asset.

I look forward to participating in future stakeholder meetings to resolve this issue comprehensively.

Sincerely,

Jeff Hatch-Miller Commissioner

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